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Comments: I write to provide comments on the Stibnite Gold Project. I have been a part time Valley County resident since 1996 and a full time Idaho resident since 2011. I have tracked the progress of the Stibnite Gold Project through the company's website announcements and attendance at the Midas sponsored annual community information events.

I would like first to note the potential of the Midas Gold Project for rectifying decades of environmental damage to the Stibnite site. Several years ago, I went on a tour of the Stibnite site offered by Midas to community members. For me as a layperson, the magnitude of disruption of the land by prior mining efforts defies description. I cannot imagine that even a small amount of repair could be accomplished without the participation of a company such as Midas. Rather than lament events or misdeeds of the past, I would hope that the potential offered by Midas for creating a better future for the land, waterways and wildlife will be recognized and supported.

I would also like to comment on the opportunities for employment for residents of Valley County offered by the Stibnite Gold Project. We were here in Valley County during the economic crash of 2007-08. We have observed the tremendously negative impact of unemployment from the implosion of Tamarack and the egregious ruthlessness that home owners, craftsmen, local businesses and local government experienced as creditors and bankers vied to recoup their "losses".

It strikes me that four areas of proposed employment with the Stihnite Gold Project (ore processing facility, ore processing facility maintenance, surface mine operators and surface mine maintenance) would be a special boon to many Valley County residents skilled with operating equipment but who would not have the specialized scientific mining expertise also necessary for the success of the proposed project.

I close with thoughts about the .878 "multiplier" effect of indirect employment possibilities represented by the Stibnite Gold Project. I have served on McCall's Children's Community

Medical Fund for many years and can attest to the level of poverty born by families in our community and the ramifications for the wellbeing and health of their children. The Stibnite Gold Project offers hope for some of these families to achieve a better economic future through meaningful employment.

In summary, I once again enthusiastically support the Stibnite Gold Project. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. Thank you.

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